

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph [1] at page 1 line 4 with the following:

5 [01] It is common in microprocessor-based electronic equipment to include
two or more interconnected printed circuit boards, often including a main circuit board
having a main controller or microprocessor (after termed the "motherboard" or "host") and
one or more connected daughtercards. In many electronic devices, some or all of the
10 daughterboards ~~daughterbaords~~ may themselves be "intelligent, i.e., may have their own
programmable controllers.

Please replace paragraph [19] at page 3 line 1 with:

15 [02] The invention will now be described, by way of example, not
limitation, with reference to particular embodiment. In the following an embodiment of the
invention, depicted in Fig.1, is implemented in the context of a WAN Interface Card (WIC)
10 manufactured and designed by the assignee of the present invention. The host 12 is an
MPC860 which is a one-chip integrated microprocessor and peripheral combination used as a
controller in, for example, networking and communications applications. Both ~~Both~~ the
MPC860 and WIC include serial communication controllers (SCCs).